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which was sent to the Lower House, but was there rejected because as it was said some of the Burgesses from Frederick County were of opinion that a Division might be made more agreeable to the Sentiments of the Parishioners than that proposed by the Bill, & that therefore Nothing ought to be done therein till the Parishioners could be again consulted. This being the Case M^r Bacon still continues to officiate there as a Reader & M^r Thornton continues to officiate as a Curate under M^r Bacon in S^t Peter's Parish in Talbot County. The Gentlemen of the Upper House likewise sent to the Lower House the Naturalization Bill which Your Ldp was pleased to approve of but they refused to pass it unless all Papists were expressly excluded from every Advantage which that Bill was intended to grant to Aliens & such as may have purchased Lands from them in this Province so that Bill also fell to the Ground. In the Letter which I addressed to Your Ldp the 2^d of Feb^y I informed you that there were two small Parishes

p. 69 lately vacated in this County by the Death of the Rev^d M^r Spencer & the Rev^d M^r Chalmers & I moreover advised Your Ldp of my Intention to induct into one of them the Rev^d M^r Philip Walker (in whose favour Your Ldp was some time ago pleased to give an Instruction requiring me to induct him into one of the first Livings that should become vacant) but the Parish of S^t Mary's White Chapple in Dorchester County being vacated by the Death of the Rev^d M^r Myers before M^r Walker had removed into this County & M^r Walker being extremely desirous to be presented to that because his Estate lies there & his Friends live in that County I took the Liberty to gratify him as he is a well behaved Man & gave him that Parish which Step I hope will meet with Your Ldp's Approbation. The two Livings which were lately enjoyed by M^r Spencer & M^r Chalmers are still vacant, one of them I would bestow if Your Ldp pleases on the Rev^d M^r Berkley whom I took the Liberty to mention in a former Lett^r & as the other Parish is a very small one & contiguous to this which is also small I wish it was possible to bring about a Junction or Union of them, tho I much question if a Majority of the Inhabitants of Westminster will be ever prevailed on to agree to that Scheme & unless they will not only agree to but petition for it I presume the Lower House will not assent to a Bill for that purpose—The Assembly of Pens^a having offered & Governor Hamilton having passed another Act this Spring for granting the Sum of £100,000 more for His Majesty's Service on the same Plan as they granted Supplies last Year, the Governor has in Consequence thereof appointed Officers & empowered them to raise 1700 men for the Service of the

p. 70 ensuing Campaign, they are I understand to be all employed